

## Kruse Elementary PTO March Minutes

March 4th, 2024

Attendees: Mrs. Chicco, Kirk Samples, Rochelle, Sierra, Becky, Jen Koerlin, Erica Pickett, Anna, Stephanie, Heather, Allie, Jen Henie, Jessica N., Charlene

1. Call to Order @ 6:04
2. Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes
  - a. Jen (1<sup>st</sup>), Presidents (2<sup>nd</sup>)
3. Old business
  - a. Update on Annual Fundraiser – Anna
    - i. Starting Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>
      1. Purple folders going out to all 410 students
        - a. Emphasizing # of requests, donations as opposed to total amount raised as enrollment continues to decline
      2. Online fundraising platforms are ready to go
        - a. To go live on the 21<sup>st</sup>
      3. Prizes
        - a. Blow-pops, Spirit wear, tattoos
        - b. \$100 – Silly string (lowered fund-raising requirement)
        - c. \$200 – Pizza Hut personal pizza, available @ \$3.50/recipient
        - d. \$500 – Tiles from Color-Me-Mine
        - e. School-wide reward – glow in the dark dance party
      4. Funds to go to 2<sup>nd</sup> shade structure (1<sup>st</sup> going in this summer)
    - ii. Bike to School Dates – Heather
      - i. Met with Nancy from Safe to Ride
        1. Proposing May 8<sup>th</sup>
      - ii. Met with Dylan – Engineer with Fort Collins
        1. To open underpass for the 2025-26 school year
        2. Engineers wanting to do an open house to reveal underpass plan in Library, open to the public from 4:30 to 6:00
          - a. Mr. Samples supportive
      - iii. Activities
        1. Mechanics in the morning
        2. Ride out on Power Trail
        3. Kona Ice
        4. Snacks, etc. in the morning
    - b. BINGO Recap – Sierra
      - i. Lower turnout
      - ii. 2 hours is too long, shorten time for future events to ~1.5 hrs
        1. Something like 6:00 – 7:30
      - iii. Restricted prizes to 1/student
        1. Kids lost interest when couldn't collect addition prizes – perhaps change for next year
  4. New Business
    - a. Principal's report – Mr. Samples
      - i. Read Across Kruse
      - ii. Spring Break 4 days away
      - iii. Character breakfast and PBIS spending
    - b. Treasurer's report – Jen H
      - i. No news to report
    - c. DAB report – Karrie
      - i. Meeting is tonight (conflicting with our PTO meeting)
      - ii. Meeting priority: discussion of restructuring district-wide bell schedule to optimize/minimize number of buses
        1. Potential savings of \$1.5 million

- d. Collection of Donations from Grocery Stores – Sierra/ Rochelle
  - i. All stores approached are willing to provide some support
  - ii. Discounted food, pizza, gift cards
- e. April Book Fair – Charlene
  - i. Delivery April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Set-up April 12<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Running April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, out of school on 19<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. Pack-up on April 22<sup>th</sup>
  - v. Fundraising details:
    - 1. Spring BOGO Book Fair
    - 2. Get 10% back in sale – funds to go Library
    - 3. Fundraising received as Scholastic Dollars
  - vi. Budgeted for teacher breakfast – Jason’s Deli Catering
  - vii. Do we want to consider moving Earth Day Clean up to coincide to book fair – potentially increase participation in both
    - 1. To be considered
  - viii. Consideration – align parent-teacher conferences with book fair
    - 1. To be considered
- f. Earth Day Clean up – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sierra
  - i. Led by Becca Kates
  - ii. Need to promote ahead of Earth Day with messaging blast
- g. School Kits Fundraiser Option – Sierra/Rochelle
  - i. Provided as service as opposed to PTO fundraiser
- h. Healthy Kids Running Club – Anna
  - i. Citywide event but hosted at Kruse
  - ii. April 20<sup>th</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>; 10:00 – 11:00 on Saturdays
  - iii. \$45/child, t-shirts for participants
- 5. Other Business – Sierra
  - a. Recruitment
  - b. Battle of the Books tomorrow
    - i. District competition – April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. Odyssey of the Minds
    - i. Jessica Harral (not present tonight)
  - d. Science Fair – Sierra on behalf of Jon
    - i. Need to launch in the fall; too late in the game this year
  - e. Anna needs support with restaurant nights
    - i. Erica to help out and pass the torch
- 6. Adjournment @ 6:47

#### Dates Coming Up

- 1. Battle of the Books First week of March
- 2. Kruse Toward Tomorrow Kick Off March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 3. PTO Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup>
- 4. Earth Day Clean Up April 22<sup>nd</sup>